

**REMARKS**

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 11-14, *without traverse* and have canceled the non-elected claims without prejudice to expedite prosecution. Applicants have also added further dependent apparatus claims 15-17 to round out the scope of protection to which they are entitled. With the entry of the amendments above, claims 11-17 are pending in this application, early allowance of which is solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing 279222001000.

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